

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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TOPIC Rangsdorf Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. At 3:40 p.m. on 16 June 1952, a twin-engine plane took off from Rangsdorf airfield heading southwest. Local flying was practiced by a twin-engine plane between 4:16 and 4:35 p.m. and by another transport plane between 4:17 and 4:40 p.m. A biplane took off from the field at 5:20 p.m. heading southwest. Between 2 and 6 p.m., ten aircraft were observed at the field. Of these aircraft 3 twin-engine planes, 1 biplane and 1 small twin-engine plane were parked in the workshop of the former Buecker Plant. A single-engine plane with a radial engine was parked between the Buecker workshop and the aircraft plant.

2. On 24 June, 2 twin-engine planes and 1 biplane were observed at the field. Another plane which could not be identified was parked in the Buecker workshop. No aircraft instruments or cranes for the transfer of engines were observed. Scrap iron of aircraft parts was piled up between the Buecker workshop and the former aircraft plant. It appeared that the aircraft plant was in operation because soldiers were observed at the Buecker workshop and inside the Buecker Plant.

3. On 28 June, a twin-engine plane probably [redacted] was observed in front of the Buecker workshop. Maintenance work was performed on the plane. A radial engine was test run for 2 hours and a half on the engine test stand. Truck [redacted] was observed at the field.

4. Between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. on 3 July, there was no flying at the field. Two twin-engine transport planes, [redacted] were parked in front of the hangar. The Soviet star on the plane had a white border. About 40 men were standing around another twin-engine plane with double rudder assembly, probably a Pe-2. They were probably receiving instruction on the plane. A single-engine plane with radial engine was also observed on the field.*

Comment. The buildings at Rangsdorf airfield house a repair shop for aircraft piston engines. The type and number of aircraft stationed at the field have not been determined. The biplanes probably are courier planes which belong to the repair shop. According to a previous observation, the twin-engine transports are probably assigned to an air transport unit at Schoenefeld airfield which is possibly subordinate to the Hq GOFG. These aircraft have been observed in Rangsdorf since the headquarters GOFG was transferred from Potsdam to Wuensdorf. This headquarters

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apparently moved some of its transport aircraft to Rangesdorf airfield which is nearer to its present location than Schoenefeld. Because of the large heap of aircraft scrap previously observed at the field it was assumed that, besides the engine repair shop, an aircraft salvage shop also exists at the field.

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